IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Group Art Unit: Unassigned Vincent Divino, Jr. et al.

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ENRICHED FLUID (As Amended)

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December 21, 1999 Date

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title to read Method of Forming Gas-Enriched Fluid."

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-40 without prejudice.